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sixteen hours out of which, I think, the Leader of the Opposition may have one hour and the reply on behalf of Government may take one hour. That leaves us fourteen hours for all the four days. Last year, we had about 33 speakers on the Budget and this year, I mean to have at least 20 minutes for each member so that we may have at least 42 speakers and if so many are inclined to speak, I am prepared to allow. I would request those hon. Members who want to speak to give their names to the Secretary beforehand, so that I may know how many are willing to speak and whether I should allow anybody more than 20 minutes or curtail even the twenty minutes. I would also like to inform hon. Members that all those who wish to speak may begin straightaway. I would request them not to keep themselves reserved to the end until it gets crowded and some members may not get a chance. Please do not blame me afterwards if I bring down my hammer heavily on anyone. I request all members to be ready to speak on the Budget even from to-morrow."

III.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" As regards the business for to-day, I have to announce to the House that the following message, dated Fort St. George, the 5th March 1947, has been received by me from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly :—

'In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules I transmit a copy of the Madras Maintenance of Public Order Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly on the 5th March 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council."

IV.—THE MADRAS MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER BILL, 1947 (AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY).

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" Before I call upon the Hon. the Premier to move for consideration of the Bill, I would like to mention that since the Bill does not seem to have undergone much change in the other House, we can take up the consideration of the Bill to-day. I would request those members who would like to take part to inform me. I would like to finish the general consideration of the Bill to-day so that we may take up consideration clause by clause to-morrow. If I get the names, I will then be able to tell the Leader of the Opposition how long we have to sit."

K. UPPI SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I submit, Sir, one important matter. I have to bring to your notice that it has become almost a rule to throw such important Bills on us at such short notice. The rules require that we must have at least a day's time. Under extraordinary circumstances, extraordinary powers are taken. In this matter, Sir, the Opposition also agreed that Bill may be taken up to-day. But, Sir, I submit that we were not allowed even 24 hours time that is prescribed under the rules and we had only 18 hours. For such an important Bill as this, we should have at least a couple of days. You said, Sir, that the Bill has not undergone much change. It is true. But, we do not know what changes have been made in the other House. I crave you to protect the Opposition from such a hustle on the part of the Government members."